(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) ITDC endeavours to serve quality vegetarian cuisine at all its food outlets. The improvement of cuisine is a continuous process which is ensured through strict control on the quality of ingredients used, maintenance of hygienic conditions, imparting of training to Chefs from time to time, etc.

(b) and (c) The syllabus presently being followed for the Cookery Course in the Institutes of Hotel Management Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, and Food craft Institutes includes training in the preparation of vegetarian menus.

2317. [*Transferred to the 18th December, 1985*].

Foreign Exchange earned by Tourism Industry

2318. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned during the year 1984-85 by the tourist industry both in public and private sectors; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange spent by the tourist industry during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The latest estimate of Foreign Exchange earnings from tourism, released by the Reserve Bank of India, relates to the year 1982-83 and is Rs. 1130.6 crores.

(b) The tourist industry involves multifarious activities and covers wide ranging sectors like hotels, restaurants, travel agencies, tour operators, transport operators, both in the public and the private sectors. The Department of Tourism releases foreign exchange only to the approved sectors of tourist industry under the Incentive Quota.

The foreign exchange utilised during 1984-85 by the approved sectors of tourist industry (including foreign exchange utilised by ITDC out of General Quota) was Rs. 1006.83 lakhs.

As regards foreign exchange utilised out of General Quota by other sectors of tourist industry through Reserve Bank of India and the Chief Controller of Imports & Exports, the figures are not maintained separately for tourist industry.

Hotel Samrat, New Delhi

2319. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) when was Hotel Samrat completed and inaugurated in New Delhi;

(b) what amount was spent on its construction and also on furnishing, decorating and purchasing equipments, etc., separately;

(c) how many bed rooms are there in this hotel;

(d) what has been the average occupancy rate since its inauguration; and

(e) how many bed rooms have been rented out to the Gas Authority of India and other public and private undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Hotel Samrat was inaugurated on 14th November, 1982 and became fully operational in November, 1983.